GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DATA ON OBC
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the details of the latest census data of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) are available with the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps being taken by the Government to obtain the current Statewise data of the OBCs in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO H. GAVIT)

(a) & (b): No Sir.

(c): No caste-based census of the population has been undertaken in post-independence period and there is no proposal for conducting the caste-based census. The information on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has been collected at each of censuses since 1951, for meeting the Constitutional requirement. The Government in the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (SJ&E) had, however, separately sought district wise information on Other Backward Classes (OBCs) from the State Governments and UTs. Only 11 States/UTs have been able to provide the requisite details.